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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN MEDIA TREATMENT OF MID EAST SITUATION

REF: SOFIA 1383

1. BULGARIAN MEDIA'S MIDDLE EAST COVERAGE CONTINUES TO BE RESTRAINED, CONSISTING LARGELY OF TASS AND OTHER WIRE SERVICE REPORTS.

ARAB CLAIMS OF MILITARY SUCCESSES RECEIVE FULL COVERAGE. ISRAELI STATEMENTS ARE GENERALLY DISPARAGED OR SIMPLY IGNORED. MEDIA HAS FAIRLY FAITHFULLY QUOTED DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN AND OTHER AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES ON U.S. POSITION.

2. ONLY BULGARIAN COMMENTARY TO APPEAR SO FAR, APART FROM PREDICTABLE PRO-ARAB BIAS EVIDENT IN TREATMENT IN GENERAL IS ARTICLE SIGNED BY IVAN VLADKOV IN OCTOBER 16 "NARODNA ARMIYA" REPORTING SYRIAN AMBASSADOR'S CHARGE TO GOB (SUPPORTED BY MADRID YA ARTICLE) THAT US AIRCRAFT AND PILOTS WERE PARTICIPATING IN WAR.

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PIECE BELABORS AMERICAN "OPEN INTERVENTION ON SIDE OF ISRAEL", AND

"ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT" CITING SPECIFICALLY DISPATCH OF US AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTER CARRIERS TO EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, REPORTED PRESENCE OF "LARGE GROUP" US PHANTOM FIGHTER AIRCRAFT IN CYPRUS, PHOTO OF EL AL PLANE LOADING MISSILES IN VIRGINIA AND US ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION TO RESUPPLY ISRAEL.

3. RADIO AND TV COVERAGE CONSISTS ESSENTIALLY OF REPORTS OF EVENTS AS THEY DEVELOP WITHOUT SPECIFIC EDITORIAL COMMENT. SO FAR NO ACTUAL FOOTAGE FROM MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN USED ON TV.

4. CLEARLY LID IS STILL ON.
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